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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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### THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

#### FRANCE RESENTS AMERICAN CRITICISMS.

##### FURTHER FLEET REDUCTION UNJUST.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

According to a message from Washington at the meeting of the Naval Committee of the Disarmament Conference, M. Sarraut vigorously protested against American press criticisms of France as obstructing naval agreement. He declared that France came to Washington to collaborate wholeheartedly in the labours of the Conference. He would prove the injustice of the charge of imperialism. France regarded the proposals as unacceptable in view of her naval requirements, especially in view of the importance of her colonial possession. He protested that it would be unjust to impose a fresh reduction upon the French fleet, which had already been voluntarily reduced. There was good reason to believe that a satisfactory solution would be eventually found.

A more hopeful feeling developed this evening when it became known that French naval plans for a new fleet of ten capital ships each 35,000 tons had not yet been approved by the French Government, Admiral Dehon having framed the project after the departure of M. Briand and M. Viviani.

The naval sub-committee's action toward the five power naval pact has therefore been delayed pending an answer from Paris both on the ten ship programme and the American counter-proposal for a French capital ship of 175,000 tons, compared with the present 164,000 tons. In this all other delegations interested concurred. Signor Schanzer for Italy cordially accepted the counter-proposal, provided that France also agreed.

##### ARRESTS IN DELHI.

#### PROMINENT INDIANS CHARGED.

##### MANAGING UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS.

BOMBAY, December 18.

Fifteen prominent Non-Cooperators of the United Provinces, including office bearers in the Indian National Congress and the Khilafat movement have been sentenced to periods of four to eighteen months imprisonment, on a charge of assisting in the management of unlawful associations. Altogether there have been 121 arrests in Delhi.

##### CENSURE FOR HUNGARY.

#### PLEBISCITE RESULT.

BUDAPEST, December 19.

Voting in the Cendeburg plebiscite resulted in 15,340 votes for Hungary and 8,227 for Austria.

## THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 5/8.  
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### WAR RESPONSIBILITY.

#### KAISER SAYS ENTENTE DID IT.

##### CORRESPONDENCE WITH HINDENBURG.

LONDON, December 18.

A significant commentary on Germany's attitude towards reparations is afforded by the publication in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* of correspondence between the ex-Kaiser and Hindenburg. Writing on March 30, Hindenburg declared that the Versailles Treaty aimed at the annihilation of Germany. The fiction of Germany's responsibility for the war was the foundation of this policy. Germans were terribly penalised for this admission of Germany's responsibility, wrung from them against their convictions from German representatives at Versailles and it was untrue that an admission of Germany's guilt was made by Simons in London. Replying on April 5, the ex-Kaiser calls God to witness that he did his utmost consistent with the security and integrity of the Fatherland to avoid war. "To talk of Germany's guilt for war is out of the question. There is no longer any doubt that not Germany but the Entente methodically prepared for war and deliberately brought it about."

##### H. R. H. IN INDIA!

#### LOYAL DEMONSTRATION AT BENARES.

##### INDIANS RESENT AGITATORS.

LONDON, December 18.

The Indians' resentment at the efforts of agitators in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales is exemplified by events at Benares, where, despite proclamation of martial law, large crowds massed along the Prince's route. The martial law was entirely ineffective. Generally speaking, as a well-informed correspondent in India remarks, when not terrorised by a small minority of extremists the immense mass of the people of India have shown every desire to express their loyalty.

##### MOPLAH CASUALTIES.

#### AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

DELHI, December 18.

It is officially announced that since the outbreak of the Malabar rebellion 1,826 Moplahs have been killed, 1,500 wounded, 5,474 captured and 14,241 have surrendered voluntarily.

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## AFRIC'S MOST ANXIOUS PROBLEM.

Recent speeches by great Colonial administrators like Sir Hugh Clifford and Sir Frederick Lugard have done much to dispose of the idea that exploitation of the African native is the white man's only policy. The black man and his future are, no doubt, Africa's most anxious problem. The principle of trusteeship is definitely accepted by the white man. Striking proof that a new era has opened for the native seems to be afforded by a statement made by Mr. Strika at a meeting of the Advisory Council of Northern Rhodesia. "The actual policy to-day, so far as there is a policy," Mr. Strika declared, "is one of exploitation tempered by more or less sympathetic administration. There were abundant signs all over Africa that it could not be continued indefinitely without disaster to both races." The policy which Mr. Strika favours is one of frank co-operation with recognition of native rights and status; security in the possession of his land, native taxation for the native's benefit, education directed to assisting him to develop along his own lines, and adequate reward for his labour. It is suggested that a small body might be created charged with the duty of interpreting native views to the settlers and the settlers' views to the native. Mr. Strika's idea would appear to be to institute a definite and consistent policy which will rob the introduction of European education among the natives of its most disturbing and dangerous accompaniments. He represents the colonizing element, and his speech, we glean from a correspondent, may give the Advisory Council of Northern Rhodesia a notable place in African history. —United Empire.

## P AND O. DIVIDEND.

At the 81st ordinary general meeting of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company to be held on Dec. 7, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred stock, less income-tax, will recommend a dividend on the Deferred stock of 6 per cent. for the six months, free of income tax, making, with the interim dividend of 6 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the Deferred stock of 12 per cent. for the year.

That the dividend was regarded as disappointing is evidenced by the fall in the Deferred stock. The final dividend compares with 15 per cent., free of tax, including 3 per cent. cash bonus; but there was in addition last year a distribution of Deferred stock equivalent to 6 per cent. and worth a considerable capital sum. The 12 per cent. now compares with 21 per cent. for the preceding period. The following table gives a comparison of dividends for the past six years:—

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## SIR CHARLES ADDIS ON DEFLATION.

At the first meeting of the session of the Institute of Bankers on 8th, inst., at the Goldsmiths' Company, the president, Sir Charles Addis, delivered his inaugural address. Sir Charles made out a strong case for the Cunliffe Committee's recommendation that the effective pre-war gold standard should be restored as speedily as possible. He made the case good principally by recalling that the Committee was not in a hurry and that "no support for any scheme of drastic deflation" can be found in its report. As one of the original Committee responsible for the Report, Sir Charles claimed that circumstances had abundantly justified the insistence laid by that Committee upon the necessity for Government economy, and the cessation of Government borrowing as a prelude to any return to sounder financial conditions.

In closing his address, Sir Charles had an encouraging word to say regarding Eastern trade. He stated: "Since its origin is similar, the crisis through which we are passing is not likely to follow a materially different course from those we have experienced in the past. There has been the same speculative boom. We are now passing through the usual sequence of a period of stagnation. We shall shortly enter upon a period of trade recovery. Already in the Far East, where the trouble began, are to be discerned the first faint streaks of dawn. In India and China trade is reviving. A little more patience, a little more steadfastness, and success is assured. A little longer and the old supremacy of this country as the acknowledged leader in the finance of the world will return. Is this a time to lose heart or to falter in our task?"

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HANDYSIDE.—At Kowloon, on December 19, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lucas Handyside, a son.

## MARRIAGE.

STEWART-COX.—At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on December 17, 1921, by Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Alcan Brown Stewart to Mary Cox.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."  
HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 19, 1921.

## WALKER

To take afternoon tea at our leading hotel is good. It is good to some because of the gay music, to others because there they may encounter friends to others again because it affords a peep at the great stream of globe-trotterdom. To the author of this unpretentious essay it is best when early arrival ensures a window seat, and the great art of walking may be studied. All Hongkong walks by if you sit long enough, and one walker differeth from another as the stars in glory.

Useless now to speculate on the origins of walking, as great a secret as the name of the inventor of the wheel, and probably more ancient. The tradition that amongst all races is more universal than the idea of duty. Life is brief, but walking is eternal. The great Poughkeepsie has laid it down that its chief sanction is morality, and that the best walking practices of the element of religionousness. This may be the inspiration of the old-repeated slogan, "Walking for walking's sake," common yet among all the schools of walkers. That greatest authority on aesthetics, Beaudouin Cope, has not remarked that "the victim, opposition, is

imagining which the walker symbolises reality and life, not only are not philosophical solutions for him in the varying steps he takes, but they are not even problems of thought; only rarely do they tend to take the form of bitter interrogations, which remain without answer. Equally fantastic and arbitrary must be attempts to compose a philosophic theory from the style of any great walker, which may be, and often is, alternately theistic, pantheistic, dualistic, deterministic, pessimistic ("pigeon-toed") and optimistic ("spray footed") by extracting it from the pedestrian method adopted in the same manner as that employed in the case of the philosophy deduced from other forms of art." It is good to have an almost universal surmise thus crystallized and given logical expression, because walkers pass these hotel windows whose vestigial bewilder rather than elucidate. The gait of the Chinese policeman, for example, undoubtedly implies passage, but so far as even the alert observer is concerned, it is inarticulate and incoherent. It is a manifestation of *genre* eccentricity which is certainly not Futurist, and has too long a history to be classed as Cubist. It is a mistake to suppose, as Wolemma points out (Illustrations Psychologiques c. 1913) that anyone can do it by yielding to the impulses of a mentor innate. The technique (a fact familiar in all human nurseries) has to be acquired and mastered. Who that has once observed, silhouetted against a vermilion sunset on the banks of old Nile, the masterly pedipulation of a Crane, is likely to entertain doubt of this? The broad, sweeping strides of some purposeful impressionist in walking, the motionless, neat, miniature-like steps of high heel-dom; the meandering amble of some dilettantish amateur; all styles may be studied from these windows, and none without profit if one's interest in the subject be real and not affected.

## THEIR NAME IS LEGION.

Although we thought at the time, and still think, that the *Telegraph* note on the proposal to form an association of really and truly trench comrades was wrong-headed and unjust, we must strongly protest against the comments on it at Sunday's meeting, as reported this morning. We cannot understand the attitude of the man who, glad to turn his back on militarism, introduced the idea of knocking the writer on the head. Such an "argument" should have been unthinkable. The other speaker who proposed a boycott of the *Telegraph* has broken the law and we hope our contemporary will find out who he was and prosecute. In any case, it is a mean and dirty way of answering press criticism. We trust that all our contemporaries will join us in letting the worst elements in Hongkong society realize once for all that (within the bounds of the law of libel) our press is free, and that lawful criticism (however aberrant or displeasing) is not to be met in such ways. The *China Mail* was in the fullest possible sympathy with the new association until this happened. It now has grave doubt as to the worthiness of some at least of the members.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ladies are requested to send in their names and addresses for free inclusion in the Dollar Directory.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wodehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smyth returned from home by the P. and O. steamer "Kashmir" yesterday.

A Chinese woman, aged about 60 years, was on Saturday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries received through a fall from motor bus No. 545, in Chatham Road. Her injuries are not serious.

The China Mail S. S. Co. Ltd. is in receipt of advices from its Head Office in San Francisco that the silk shipments which were forwarded by the Company's s.s. "China" from Hongkong on November 6, arrived in New York on December 7.

A quarrel between chair coolies of different clans resulted in a brawl on Saturday. The fighting was serious until the police intervened. Most of the combatants escaped. One man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from flesh wounds on the left leg.

As a memorial to his nephew, the late Dr. G. P. Jordan, Sir Paul Chater has given a large sum for providing a Dr. Jordan Memorial Library at the University. That is in addition to Sir Paul's gift of an organ and a stained glass memorial window to St. Stephen's Church.

Having successfully passed her trials the "Paludina," the first of four oil tankers built for the A.P.C., is now taking in benzine preparatory to making her maiden voyage from Hongkong to-morrow. On Saturday afternoon members of the A.P.C. staff and their friends were given an opportunity of inspecting the vessel. Afterwards the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea.

Among those who arrived here by the P. and O. Steamer "Kashmir" yesterday were Sir Charles and Lady Addis and Miss Betty Addis. During his visit to the Far East Sir Charles will look into banking affairs here and on his return home he will resume as Chairman of the London Committee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He will also take a hand in the affairs of the Chinese Consortium.

The crews paid off from H.M. Ships "Titania," "Ambrose," "Marazion," and "Merlin" and several submarines, who are to go home shortly on the "Bellerophon" were farewelled on Saturday night at a pleasant function in the City Hall. Advancing programme was interspersed with agreeable concert items and it was truly a most delightful evening. Some short speeches were made and well deserved tributes were paid to the hard work of the Rev G.W.B. Stett in organizing this and similar affairs for the benefit of naval men in Hongkong.

All firms, clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for insertion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 5, Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms etc., will be gladly received for free inclusion in the Directory.

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## BOXING.

## SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT.

SOME GOOD CONTESTS.

Several well fought bouts were witnessed in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night when the Hongkong Boxing Association's second tournament took place. There was a big attendance and prominent spectators at the ringside included their Excellencies the Governor and the General Officer Commanding, the Admiral and many other notabilities.

## A GOOD FIGHT.

A six round welterweight contest was the first event set down for decision. A. B. Edwards, of H. M. S. "Marazion," (144lbs), was 9lbs lighter than Ord. Smn. Lewenden, of the "Hawkins" (153lbs), but what he lacked in weight he made up in experience and for the first few rounds had the best of the exchanges. He set the pace right from the opening, and punished Lewenden severely on the body. Lewenden's longer reach saw his straight left brought into play with advantage to himself. Edwards was not a little troubled by it, and his face soon bore tell-tale marks. However, he was not adverse to receiving punishment and bore it persistently. Edwards put a lot more energy in his punches than was evident, evidently in eagerness to finish the bout early, but although badly knocked about, Lewenden showed that he was able to take all that his opponent could give him. He was content to mark time and wait his opportunity. Edwards had the upper hand for three rounds. In the third he was all out to finish his opponent, and punished Lewenden severely with right and left to the body. One hefty punch over the heart sent Lewenden to the boards, but he rose immediately. He received more punishment, but stood up gamely to his man. The pace began to tell on Edwards in the fourth round, and he slowed down. This gave Lewenden his opportunity, and going for his man, he gave as good as he received and made things even. Edwards made a final effort in the fifth round and gave Lewenden a severe battering, sending him through the ropes once. After this Lewenden decided that it was his time to call the tune, and he used his left to advantage. Following some hefty punches to the head and face, Edwards went down for a count of nine. Edwards was weak when he got to his feet. Weight was telling, and he could do nothing to defend himself. His seconds skied the towel and saved him from the inevitable knock-out. Lewenden's victory was very popular in view of the fact that this was his first appearance in the ring in public.

## PEPPER LACKED "PEP."

The second event was a farcical affair between Sgt. Rogers (160 lbs) of the Wilshire, and Ldg. Seaman Pepper (169 lbs) of the "Titania." From the first it was clear that, in spite of his name, the sailor lacked "Pep." He hugged Rogers tight whenever the latter came within arm's length and, after being twice cautioned for holding, was temporarily ordered by Mr. Murdoch, before the first round had finished, to quit the ring.

## A GOOD EVEN "GO"

Much more exciting was the 6-round featherweight contest between Ord. Smn. Todd (129lbs), of the "Carlisle," and Ord. Smn. Larter (125lbs), of the "Hawkins." Besides his extra 4lbs. in weight, Todd had advantage in height and probably in reach as well. He boxed prettily but Larter's methods seemed more businesslike. It was a good bout with plenty of give and take. Larter did most of the leading in the earlier rounds and caught Todd a nasty one over the eye which drew blood. Thereafter he kept hammering away with head punches; if he had mixed up few body blows between them the result might have been different. As it was, Todd, though his eye was quickly closing, was able to punish Larter a good deal in the last two rounds and so won the fight by a small margin of points.

## MORGAN BEATS DERBYSHIRE.

The opponents in this ten-round welterweight contest were A. B. Derbyshire, "Titania" (141 lbs), and St. P. O. Morgan, "Hawkins" (140 lbs). Derbyshire was the champion of the China Fleet, and Morgan as the West of England champion. Everyone expected a fine bout as between champions, but it was a disappointing affair. Derbyshire spoilt it by continuously covering up. Morgan was by far the better man, and asserted himself early in the bout. He did most of the scoring throughout, Derbyshire being content to get in a punch now and then.

## YOUTH V. AGE.

Age told in the six-round middleweight contest between Musician Groves (137), of the "Hawkins," and Leading Seaman Hambley, of the "Ambrose." Hambley must have been at least twice as old as the kid opponent but he was a wily old fighter and gave the younger plenty to think about in the opening rounds. There were some warm exchanges up to about half way through the third round. Then, obviously winded, Hambley started leaning on his opponent who gave him some heavy punishment. Groves had it all his own way in the fifth round and Hambley then gave up the contest.

## HAD A DUTCH WIFE?

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## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## QUARTETTE OF BANISHEES.

Four banishees who were presented before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) at the Criminal Sessions to-day were each sentenced to five years' jail with hard labour for disobeying deportation orders. They had all been banished several times, some of them for life.

## SEVEN YEARS FOR FORGERY.

Chew En Yan, the man who was prosecuted at the Police Court recently for obtaining goods from several Hongkong firms with forged University orders pleaded guilty on six counts. In sentencing him to seven years' jail His Honour expressed the hope that during that term he would be taught some more useful trade. The prisoner had, it appears, been in trouble for the same thing before.

## HOUSEBREAKERS GET 'HARD.'

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny and another of having house-breaking implements in his possession, Lan San was awarded 5 years' hard labour. Yuen On who was accused of being found in a house with intent to commit a felony and with his tools of trade in his possession pleaded not guilty but could not convince the jury. His record was not so black as Lan San's so he was let off with 18 months.

There is only one case left on the list now, that in which Teang Kai is charged with kidnapping. It will come on to-morrow.

## DANGEROUS TRICKS.

## MUST BE STOPPED.

A richie coolie was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with having fired crackers in Spring Garden Lane, at 12.15 a.m.

He said that he was driving his empty vehicle through the lane when some one threw a cracker into it. Being afraid that it would damage the cushion if allowed to explode in the richie, he threw it out.

Sergt. Post said that he saw the accused throw a cracker among a crowd of naval men. He had another lighted up in his hand when the witness went up to him.

Inspector Blackman said that cracker firing was an almost nightly occurrence in the lane. He had had several cases recently, in some of which Europeans were concerned. In his opinion sailors were the principal culprits.

Magistrate: What is it done for?—It is done for fun, but is very dangerous. I have a sailor outside who was struck in the eye by one of the crackers thrown by the accused.

William O'Connor of H.M.S. "Merlin" said that the first cracker thrown by the accused struck him in the eye and then exploded. Accused was about to throw a second when the Sergeant arrested him. Neither the witness nor his friends fired any crackers in the lane.

A fine of \$7 or 10 day's hard was imposed.

## GOT VELVETEEN: GOT JAIL.

A Chinese was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of several yards of velveteen.

Defendant said that he got it from a ship in harbour, the name of which he did not know.

Inspector Spear said that when arrested, the defendant took the police on board the s.s. "Dongola" from the No. 1 hold of which he alleged he had taken the stuff. Enquiries were made from the Chief Officer, but the latter said that no cargo of that description had been shipped on the vessel.

Three months.

## SATURDAY'S WEDDING.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. was married at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon to Miss Mary Cox, who arrived from home by the s.s. "Dongola." The Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle conducted the ceremony, the bride being given away by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Mr. H. H. Bowker acted as best man and the Misses Peggy and Joan Horrell as bridesmaids. A reception was held afterwards at Jardine's No. 1, House, East Point. The honeymoon is to be spent at Fanling.

From June 1, 1920, to September 30 last \$8,000,000 was awarded in compensation in Ireland under the Criminal Injuries Act.

The total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending December 3, 1921, amounted to 97,476 tons and the sales during the period, to 108,208 tons.

## LATE SIR BOSHAN WEI YUK.

## FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Large crowds gathered in the streets this afternoon to watch the funeral of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk O.M.G. pass by.

A detachment of district watchmen headed the cortege and behind them were coolies carrying a large number of floral wreaths. The deceased's four sons followed the hearse as chief mourners and his daughters were with other female relatives in motor cars further down the long procession. Amongst those in the long string of vehicles behind the hearse were noticed the Hon. Mr. Claud and Mrs. Sovern, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Bishop Pozzoni, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. Ho Fook, and many other prominent citizens, both Chinese and European.

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS?

## REVENUE PEOPLE INTERESTED.

George Washington Drollett, an American living at St. George's Hotel, Kennedy Road, was summoned before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession on Blake Pier, of 72 bottles of "Grant" champagne, 5 bottles of liqueur, 2 bottles of Cherry Brandy, 2 bottles of Sherry, 2 bottles of dry Gin, 1 bottle of Vermouth, 1 bottle of Whisky and 1 bottle of Peppermint, on which duty had not been paid.

Mr. E. J. Grist, who appeared for the defence, asked for a remand. He said that it was probable that after the matter had been properly investigated, the case would not be proceeded with.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports had no objection to a remand. The duty on the liquor, he said, was \$132.58.

The Magistrate remanded the case until Wednesday. Bail in the sum of \$500 (the maximum penalty) was extended.

## "CAIRO" DANCE SCENE.

## MORALITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

Appreciation of the action of dramatic critics in fearlessly exposing the "undesirable features in an otherwise beautiful production" [the dance scene in "Cairo," at His Majesty's Theatre], was expressed at a meeting of the London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality.

In *The Daily Mail* of October 17, the Dramatic Critic, referring to the scene, wrote: "It is indecent both in conception and execution. The scene begins quietly, but it works up to a riot of sensuality. The dancing girls madden both themselves and the men present. The men seize them, kiss them, paw them, struggle with them in the abandonment of animal passion. They fight for women like wild beasts fighting for mates; they throw their arms over their limbs and throw the girls over their shoulders; they are primitive, unrestrained, unashamed. . . . It is no good talking about 'art' or 'history' or 'stage realism'—the thing is stark sensuality."

It was stated at the meeting of the Morality Council that its Stage Play Committee had confirmed the accuracy of the descriptions of the scene and the Council decided that the representation of manners and morals alien to this country is calculated to be subversive of public morality, that the number and gestures of apparently, semi-nude persons is an offence against good manners, and it was also decided to ask the producer (Mr. Oscar Asche) to withdraw or modify the scene.

The usual dinner dansant will not be held in the Hongkong Hotel's new grill room to-morrow night.

At 11 a.m. to-morrow Messrs. Lammert Bros. will auction a selection of high grade suit lengths etc.

A party of Salvation Army men from Australia went through to Shanghai on the "Shinyo Maru." They are going to do missionary work in North China.

Some valuable lots of glass ware, marble statuettes etc. and a few pairs of special blankets and rugs will be auctioned by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. in their sales room. An "Indian" motor cycle will be sold at noon and at 2.30 p.m. there will be an auction sale of furniture, including a Baby Grand piano.

## "ON ACTIVE SERVICE."

## NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED.

## PROBLEM OF MEMBERSHIP.

A promising nucleus for an "Active Service Men's Association" in Hongkong was formed as the result of a meeting held in the Coronet Theatre yesterday morning. About 40 ex-service men attended and the proceedings were marked by a healthy enthusiasm. Discussion was brisk and the meeting was well under way and views were freely offered.

Mr. E. H. Wilson was the first speaker. In a brief speech he pointed out that in meeting to discuss the advisability of forming an association for active service men there was no antagonism towards the British Legion. "We desire," he said, "to meet in the spirit of comradeship, but that spirit is, to a certain extent, dissipated by the presence of those who were not 'out there'; they act as a wet blanket, for they are naturally not interested in reminiscences of affairs in which they have taken no part." Mr. Wilson objected that the basis of membership in the British Legion was too wide; it comprised members of all branches of the Services, including volunteers and other auxiliary forces, excepting conscientious objectors. He understood that the local branch was about to accept that constitution. It appeared to him that the Legion was formed to keep alive the military spirit; he would be heartily glad to see the back of militarism.

They had been told that they were snobs for wanting an association of their own. What, Mr. Wilson asked, would happen if they called an Irishman a snob for belonging to the Hibernian Society? He would promptly knock the individual on top of the head with a blackthorn. He would like to see anyone call a "digger" a snob for joining the Australian Returned Soldiers' Association yet that was one of the most exclusive organisations of its kind in the world. No man who did not go overseas from Australia was permitted to join it.

Mr. F. P. Franklin having been voted to the chair and Mr. J. E. Ollerton appointed secretary, a general discussion began.

One speaker led off by demanding to know whether a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* were present. If so he thought that, in view of the leaderette published by that paper on Friday, the *Telegraph* man ought to be asked to leave. He thought they ought to boycott the *Telegraph* altogether.

The Chairman observed that there appeared to be no representative of the *Telegraph* present "possibly for obvious reasons" and nothing further was heard of the matter.

After it had been resolved to form an "Active Service Men's Association" the question arose as to who would be eligible for membership. One section of the meeting urged that membership should be confined to those who actually saw active service during the Great War but then a couple of old Regular soldiers rose to claim admission on the score of firing line service in previous wars.

A speaker urged that, to be consistent, membership must be confined to men who saw active service in the Great War and pointed out that if they were not careful they would have a basis of membership wider than the British Legion's.

Finally it was decided to admit veterans who saw active service in other wars provided they could furnish absolute proof that sickness, age or some other valid reason prevented them from serving in the late war.

Then arose a difficulty about the definition of "active service."

The Chairman said he thought the meaning the meeting wished to give the term was "service on a fighting front."

Someone then wanted to know whether that meant service before the Armistice and was told that it did. A number of possible anomalies were drawn attention to—the 1916 trouble in Ireland, the post-Armistice activities in India.

Another speaker wanted to "keep out the conscripts" but it was promptly pointed out to him that, for one thing, many were not old enough to volunteer before conscription came in. A suggestion was made at this stage that preferably to starting a new ex-service organisation in Hongkong men who had been under fire should form a circle of their own within the British Legion. It found no sympathy.

The general result of the discussion was that it was agreed that anybody who went overseas and set foot in a theatre of war would be eligible. It was thought by one member that conscription would prevent anybody who had not been in the firing line from joining up. "What if they haven't got a conscience?" somebody queried. "Then if they haven't got a conscience let 'em get to hell out of it!" was the emphatic response.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

## SUPREME COURT CLERK SHOOT'S HIMSELF.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 19. Mr. H. R. Comley Adams, assistant clerk in the British Supreme Court committed suicide yesterday morning, shooting himself at Vancouver Lodge. He died at the General Hospital three hours later. He had been suffering from shell shock, and gas poisoning and also from insomnia. He served with the colours practically throughout the war. He was single and his age was 32.

## LATE MR. A. OBIN.

## FUNERAL AT SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 19. The funeral ceremonies in connection with the death of the late Mr. A. Obin, a director of the Sincere Company, took place yesterday and were largely attended. The deceased, who was a devout Christian was buried in the Cantonese cemetery.

## BOOZE AND BAD TEMPER.

## COSTS SEAMAN TEN.

Before Magistrate Wood this morning, a Chinese seaman of the s.s. "Loksang," was charged with having smashed a sheet of glass worth \$5 on the show case of a jeweller's shop in Queen's Road.

Defendant said that he was drunk at the time and did not know what he was doing. In fact, he could not remember what had happened.

Magistrate: Are you prepared to pay for the damage done?—Yes, but I have no money on me. I have some on the ship which is lying off Wanchai.

Sub-Inspector Watt said that defendant went into a jeweller's shop at No. 360, Queen's Road and asked to be shown a watch. After inspecting this, he asked for others. As he was under the influence of drink, the shop people refused to serve him. Defendant became unruly and smashed the show case.

Magistrate: \$5 fine and \$5 compensation. The police will accompany you on board to get the money.

## A PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CANTON, WAS FORMED TO FORMULATE RULES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN THE CORONET THEATRE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8. MEMBERSHIP FEES WERE FIXED AT \$5, ENTRANCE, AND \$5 ANNUALLY.

Most of those present joined up at once. Others who wish to do so are invited to communicate with the secretary, Mr. J. E. Ollerton whose address is Box 484.

## WISEMAN'S

## SPECIAL

## CHRISTMAS LINES.

## CHRISTMAS CAKES

(almond iced and prettily decorated)  
from \$2.40 each.

## CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

from \$1.50 each.

## DUNDEE CAKES

(the original Dundee recipe)  
from \$1.00 each.

We are also supplying this cake to order with a layer of almond icing and decorated from \$3.00 each.

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All the above goods are made at our own Bakery under European supervision.

## TOM SMITH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

and a large variety of beautiful fancy boxes of Chocolates.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## NEW GRILL ROOM.

THE usual DINNER DANCING will NOT be held on TUESDAY, 20th December, 1921.

## RACE WEEK.

A FANCY DRESS BALL in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

MONDAY, Feb. 20th, 1922, at 9.15, at the CITY HALL. Tickets \$3. Booking at Moutrie's. \$1 fine for non fancy dress will be collected at the door. 2 Lucky number Prizes for those in Fancy Dress. Hongkong, December 19, 1921.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

MR Undermanned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 1921, at 12 o'clock (noon), at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 26 cases Castlemaize Beer (qts.)—Australian, 20 cases Charles Heidsieck Champagne, 10 cases Beehive Brandy, 15 cases Figs. —Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## THURSDAY, December 22, 1921,

commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A FINE SELECTION OF TOYS, (Just Arrived), Comprising:— Fine Dolls, Roaming Horses, Toy Steamers, Warships, etc. Terms:—Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, 1921,

commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 6, Des Vaux Road Central, (First Floor). A Quantity of Office Furniture and Fittings, 120 1 Chubb's Safe, Height 4' 5" Width 3' 4" Depth 2' 3" 1 Remington Typewriter, 18" 1 Remington Typewriter, 1 Howe Scale, 5 Electric Fans, 1 Radiator, And 1 Lot Electric Fittings. On view on day of sale. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

## NOTICES.

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## CHINA AND GLASS DEPTS.

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EARLY MORNING TEA SETS  
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A large selection just arrived in "Paragon" and "Crown Ducal" Ware suitable for

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1 Pt. D.O.M.  
1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy  
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1 Qt. Super Tawny Port  
1 St. Julien Claret  
1 Old Brown Sherry Red Seal  
1 D.O.L. Old Tom Gin or Dry Gin  
1 Burgoyne's Australian Burgundy  
1 phial Pomeroy's Bitters

## No. 2 HAMPER.

1 Qt. Gullmark Champagne  
1 Pt. D.O.M.  
1 Qt. Burgoyne's Australian Burgundy  
1 Martell's XXX Brandy  
1 King George IV. W.L. or Perfection Whisky  
1 Tawny Port  
1 St. Julien Claret  
1 D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin  
1 Vint de France Yellow Seal Sherry  
1 phial Pomeroy's Bitters

## No. 3 HAMPER.

1 Qt. Burgoyne's Australian Burgundy  
1 Qt. G.F. French Peppermint  
1 D.O.M.  
1 Qt. Superior Rich Old Port  
1 King George IV. W.L. or Perfection Whisky  
1 Martell's XXX Brandy  
1 Montrose Sherry White Seal  
1 Super Claret  
1 D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin  
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## PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"NELLORE"	6,700	21st Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Marseilles and London.
"DUNERA"	5,200	27th Dec.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"DONGOLA"	8,000	4th Jan.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"DILWARA"	5,200	12th Jan.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"EGYPT"	7,541	18th Jan.	India, M'ize, L'don, & A'werp.
"KASHMIR"	8,541	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"NAGORA"	8,541	15th Feb.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,541	1st Mar.	do.
"SICILIA"	8,700	14th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,017	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"DEVANHA"	8,082	29th Mar.	do.
"NOVARA"	8,550	12th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	8,587	26th Apr.	do.
"LASSY"	7,348	10th May	do.
"DONGOLA"	8,000	24th May	do.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EURYALUS"	3,600	31st Dec.	Singapore only.
			Calcutta via Singapore, Penang, and Rangoon.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	8,000	9th Jan.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	14th Feb.	do.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	8,000	20th Dec.	Yokohama direct.
"KASHMIR"	8,541	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Y'ham.
"NAGORA"	8,541	24th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"EURYALUS"	3,600	27th Dec.	Amoy.

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YOKOHAMA MARU	... Friday, 23rd Dec. at 11 a.m.
YOSHINO MARU	... Friday, 6th Jan. at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	... Friday, 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.

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LIMA MARU ... Thursday, 19th Jan.

## LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Thursday, 8th February.

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TANGE MARU	... Tuesday, 20th Dec. at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU	... Tuesday, 17th Jan. at 11 a.m.

## NEW YORK via PANAMA & CUBAN PORTS.

TOBA MARU ... Friday, 30th Dec.

## NEW YORK via Suez.

TSUYAMA MARU ... Monday, 2nd January.

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AWA MARU	... Tuesday, 20th Dec.
TAMBA MARU	... Monday, 2nd Jan.

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YOSHIO MARU	... Thursday, 20th Dec.
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## SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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# MUSI TSAI.

## THE WORLD'S WORST NEWS SERVICE.

Out of abundance of discontent journalists sometimes write their real feelings. This is how the Singapore Free Press roasts Reuter:

Reuter is getting set now. He likes the Far Eastern wicket and is beginning to score freely. He opened with a nice one when he sent the startling cable of Lloyd George's absence, this was followed by a lucky snick through the slips with the news that a night watchman was going to Washington. He fairly opened out his shoulders over Evelyn Thaw's stomach and now he has hit lustily to leg with the world-shaking statement that an American jurywoman said she would hold her opinion "till Hell froze."

Alfred the Great will find it difficult to suggest a better Imperial news innings than this.

In very few cases was the surname the same as that of the master or mistress, showing they did not come from the same clan. In many cases no surname was given at all, which was probably correct, the surnames being quite unknown, though later on they would doubtless be known under the surname of the family to whom they belonged.

Kwongai and South West Kwong-tung, which used to supply a large number of musai, did not figure largely among the birthplaces, but the sources of supply are apt to vary according to the state of prosperity and order in the various districts. No musai as such were recorded in the families of the Portuguese and Indian population, but some young Chinese girls were found described as servants or adopted daughters, whose real status probably approximated to that of the musai in a Chinese family. I am informed that formerly musai were common in most Portuguese families of standing. Very few young girls are employed as hired domestic servants, the *Chu Lin* (Nin) Musi or girl hired by the year, who has been suggested as a substitute for the musai, does not appear to be popular, but there are on the other hand a large number of boys between the ages of 12 and 14 employed in domestic work in Chinese households. 122 young girls were described as "Yuk Nui" a term which in most cases denotes the same status.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SOISSORS LOOT.

220,000 Coffin.

The Princess of Braganza and Duchess of Oporto, widow of the Prince of Braganza brother of the late King Carlos of Portugal, arrived at Naples from the United States with a silver bronze coffin weighing half a ton and valued at £20,000, in which she intended to convey the body of her husband to Lisbon. The Princess, who died in February 1920, lay in a crypt at Naples. On October 21, the birthday of the Princess, the body was to be placed in the bronze and silver coffin and conveyed in an Italian warship to Lisbon, where it was to be buried beside the late King Carlos. "I could not find all over Europe the sort of coffin I wished for the body of the Princess," the Princess said, but I had it made in the United States.

The Princess was formerly Mrs. Philip van Valkenburg, and was known some years ago as the "million dollar widow."

Mystery Machine.

Described as a man with magic hands, Frank Courtney, the winner of the Air Derby of 1920, has been chosen as pilot during the trials with the secret helicopter which has been produced at Aldershot.

The choice is generally approved, no other man having faced greater adventures. For some time he has been engaged in trial flights of big air express machines. He has wonderfully sensitive hands comparable only with Hawker's, while he also possesses skill, experience and daring, all of which are necessary.

The helicopter is a closed book and an utter mystery. It is impossible to tell how it will behave when the direction of flight is changed. If Courtney is successful it will inaugurate a completely fresh phase in the development of flight and will be an achievement comparable with that of the Wright brothers' first flight or of Pegoud's first loop.

Origin of Life.

To-day, said Dr. W. B. Brierley, of the Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden, lecturing at Gresham College upon "The Origin of Life," we seemed to be little nearer a solution of the problem than were the Greeks of ancient times. Research into such a problem was an illusory business, but it was no exaggeration to say that millions of lives had been saved and untold misery and suffering averted by the practical discoveries which had arisen apparently from purely philosophical studies of the kind. Speaking of some of the theories which had been held concerning the question, Dr. Brierley said that one solution that had been put forward was that living individuals came from dead matter. For instance, one great scientist of a few hundred years ago told how to obtain mice. "One takes," he said, "some linen, and one places it in a receptacle along with some grains of wheat and some cheese, and next morning you have mice." (Laughter.)

Prohibition Revision.

Judging by the thousands of letters received by the Congress at Washington every day, there has developed throughout the country a decided revulsion of feeling against prohibition, and a demand that light beers and wines should be legalized. Comparatively few people want the return of the public-house or express a desire to see whisky or other strong intoxicants again on sale. Even temperance workers are asking for the repeal of the drastic dry laws. "Be aggressive for prohibition, but not unreasonable," is the substance of the advice to Congressmen, and the prospects of moderation in the near future are enhanced by the Government's urgent need for more revenue, and the knowledge that even a modest tax on wines and beer will yield about £250,000,000 a year. As conditions stand to-day, Americans get plenty of drink, although the cost is high, and the Government gets nothing but trouble and abuse.

Insanity Cure.

The most speedy recovery from insanity was mentioned in the United States Commissioner's Court says the Philadelphia Central News correspondent. The patient was Jacob Jacobson, who was arrested in Chester on charges of passing counterfeit money. He pretended to be insane, would not talk and refused to show any interest in the proceedings. Jacobson was told that the serious condition of his heart required the immediate removal of that organ. He was taken to the hospital in Moyamensing Prison, and placed on the operating table. A "fake" ether cap was placed on his head, and the surgeons, rattling their knives and announcing that the operation would begin. At the first touch of the surgeon's thumb-nail drawn across his chest, Jacobson jumped from the table shrieking. After the "cure" he announced that he was Jacob Jacobson and could "understand perfectly." Commissioner Long, allowed him bail in \$250.

GENERAL ITEMS.

"Prisoner was so drunk that he could only walk backwards," said a police witness at Willesden Police Court.

Two hundred silver coins, struck between 1229 and 1437, and a gold coin the size of a florin, have been found at Cowhill Farm, Whitburn, Llantheglwys.

Brighton police constables on point duty have been provided with white waterproof coats in order to assist motorists to observe dangerous cross roads on wet nights.

At an inquest on John William Davis, 50, dairyman, of Brighton, it was stated that as he was fixing a tube to a gas ring to make a morning cup of tea he fainted and died through inhaling the escaping gas.

The average tender price of houses containing living-room, scullery, three bedrooms, and necessary offices fell from £821 in February to £628 in August, and for September, on the figures so far received, the price was £596.

A tablet commemorating the flight by aeroplane across the Atlantic in June 1919 by Sir Arthur Whitten Brown and the late Sir John Alcock, and who were awarded the Daily Mail £10,000 prize, was unveiled in Manchester Town Hall.

Refusing to move for all ordinary means of persuasion two horses drawing a van, which had stopped at Ludgate-circus, E.C., were induced to move on by the gentle but powerful pushing of a motor-lorry on the rear of the van.

Transmission through the post of newspapers publishing betting odds on horse races, prize fights, or "other contest of speed, strength, or skill," will be prohibited under a Bill passed by the United States House of Representatives.

"I only knew of one seaman who gave up during the war," said Admiral Sir Doveton Starkey at Manchester, "and that was a man who had been torpedoed seven times. He was called 'Jonah,' and his brother seamen were afraid to sail with him, so he could not go to sea."

Mr. George F. Bidder, a sexagenarian, of Cedar Rapids, Michigan, has accomplished the feat of becoming the grandfather of his own children. By divorcing his wife and marrying his mother-in-law Bidder became his former wife's stepfather. He is, therefore, now the grandfather of his own six children.

Excavations which have been in progress on the Monte Mario, a hill in the environs of Rome, have revealed the remains of a prehistoric village. There are indications that the dwellings that have thus been brought to light date from the first Iron Age, or perhaps the Bronze Age. The discovery is regarded as highly important in that it may throw light on the history of the early inhabitants of the Rome district.

Mr. Law Binns, of Rose Hill House, Clifton, Manchester, manufacturer, who died last August, leaves £106,012 gross estate. After other family legacies he gives £15,000 to his son John William Binns (whom he has not seen for many years) provided he can be traced within two years of his (the father's) death. If he cannot be traced the £15,000 reverts to his (the father's) widow.

The Home Secretary is stated to be inquiring into the case in which a news-vendor was sentenced at Marlborough-street Police Court for obtaining a penny by false pretences by selling a pamphlet which purported to record Mr. H. Rottomley's "good deeds" on behalf of war sufferers since his re-election as M. P. for South Hackney, but contained only blank pages.

"Two young men visiting London came into my shop and asked to hear a few gramophone records," writes the proprietor of a London West End music store. After they had heard about 20 records and I had played three tunes on the piano, I asked if there was anything I could serve them with. "Oh, we are not buying music," said one of them, "but we have been told how obliging you are in London shops, and we thought we would call in."

Women doctors are discussing the novel methods adopted by a west country doctor in his quest for a wife. A pretty Scottish girl, recently qualified, made a long journey to see him, following correspondence as the result of an advertisement for a medical assistant. But when he said, "I do not want an assistant—I want a wife," will you marry me?" she indignantly departed. The advertisement is still appearing.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Chekiang, (B. & S.) from Canton. B. 12.

Sunning, (B. & S.) from Canton. B. 9.

Euryptus, (B. & S.) from Glasgow. Manila—Holtz Wharf.

Bellerophon, (B. & S.) from Yokohama, Shanghai. A. 2.

Hobrow, (B. & S.) from Dalny. C. 19.

Huichow, (B. & S.) from Tientsin. Walhaiwei. C. 45.

Kiukiang, (B. & S.) from Hongay. B. 26.

Szechuen, (B. & S.) from Shanghai. B. 12.

Chenai, (B. & S.) from Canton. C. 40.

Glengyle, (J.M. & Co.) from London, Singapore—Wharf.

Wing Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Haiphong. C. 40.

Hop Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Shanghai, Swatow—Wharf.

Kazembe, (Bank Line) from Kobe, Shanghai. A. 29.

Hailong, (D. L. & Co.) from Foochow, Swatow—Wharf.

Ralph Moller, (Yuen Cheonglee) from Quinhon, Hoihow. C. 44.

Hydrangea, (Chin On S. S. Co.) from Swatow. B. 11.

Pheumphen, (Wo Fat Sing) from Saigon. B. 11.

Kashmir, (P. & O. S. N. Co.) from London, Singapore—Wharf.

Soochow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai. Amoy. B. 12.

Silver State, (Admiral Line) from Seattle, Shanghai. A. 1.

Portos, (M.M. Cie.) from Marseilles Haiphong. A. 3.

Paul Lecat, (M.M. Cie.) from Yokohama, Shanghai. A. 5.

Sunferrol, (M.B.K.) from Keelung. B. 51.

Jade, (Ken Yu) from Haiphong, Pakhoi. C. 38.

Alabama Maru, (O.S.K.) from Manila. A. 1.

Cheribon Maru, (N.Y.K. & Co.) Kobe, Dalny. A. 27.

Taikwa Maru, (T. K. K.) from Keelung, Swatow. C. 48.

Kashima Maru, (N.Y.K.) from New York—Wharf.

Tory Maru, (M.B.K.) from Canton. B. 49.

Kwanglee, (C.M.S.N. Co.) from Shanghai—Wharf.

Wa Sun, (Pak Hong S.S. Co.) from Siamni—Wharf.

Hwah Wu, (Dodwell & Co.) from Chinwanta. B. 33.

Yuet Wah, (Fuk Shun S.S. Co.) from Manila, Iloilo. C. 41.

Tung Shing, (Yui Woo S.S. Co.) from Haiphong, Hoihow. C. 39.

Kam Ying Fat, (Globe Nav. Co.) from Fak-oi. C. 30.

Wah Hang, (Wing Hang) from Fort Bayard, Macao—Wharf.

Taisama, (Yan Fat) from K. C. Wan, Macao—Wharf.

Hok Canton, (Wo Hing) from K. C. Wan—Wharf.

CLEARANCES.

Devawongse (Yuen Seng Fat) for Saigon. Dec. 18.

Shinyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for Keelung, San Francisco. Dec. 18.

Portos, (M. M. Cie.) for Shanghai, Yokohama. Dec. 18.

Prometheus, (Kwong Min Sing) for Swatow, Bangkok. Dec. 18.

Hang Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Swatow, Shanghai. Dec. 18.

Sunning, (B. & S.) for Shanghai. December 18.

Luchow, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Singapore. December 18.

Chenai, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Shanghai. December 18.

Tory Maru, (M.B.K.) for Keelung. December 18.

Shokiku Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) for Kobe. December 18.

Chikiang, (B. & S.) for Ningpo, Shanghai. Dec. 19.

Kwangles, (C. M. S. N. Co.) for Canton. Dec. 19.

Chenglu, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Bangkok. Dec. 19.

Hwah Chu, (Kwing Ngan Sing) for Bangkok. Dec. 19.

Huichow, (B. & S.) for Canton. Dec. 19.

Paul Lecat, (M.M. Cie.) for Haiphong, Marseilles. Dec. 19.

Silver State, (Admiral Line) for Manila. Dec. 19.

Lake Gitan, (P.M.S.S. Co.) for Haiphong, Saigon. Dec. 20.

Tango Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Manila, Melbourne. Dec. 20.

Wah Hang, (Wing Hang) for Kwong Chaw Wan. Dec. 20.

Hwah Wu, (Dodwell & Co.) for Chinwanta. Dec. 20.

Sui Yik, (Fook Ho) for Shanmi. Dec. 20.

Taisama, (Yan Fat) for Kwong Chow Wan. Dec. 20.

Szechuen, (B. & S.) for Shanghai. Dec. 20.

Euryptus, (B. & S.) for Nagasaki, Yokohama. Dec. 20.

Paludiva, (A. P. C.) for Singapore. Dec. 20.

A GERM DESTROYER.

HERE is no danger whatever from a look jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

GIVING SHARES AWAY.

LITTLE "PUZZLE" EXPLAINED BY EXPERT.

People unversed in Stock Exchange affairs were puzzled a day or two ago to read that the shares of a brewery company were actually being given away by one of the dealers. Why this offer of something for nothing?

The incident was a phase of a movement that has expanded recently. While the stock markets as a whole have been passing through unparalleled depression there has been much activity in new issue of capital. Money, trade leaves large sums of stock idle, and many of these new capital offers have proved specially attractive.

At a time when "safety first" is the motto of investors who have the bitter lessons of the "boom" and the collapse fresh in their memory, offers of new gilt-edged securities, such as those of progressive electrical supply companies, have met with a ready response and have been immediately saleable in the market at a profit to the subscriber.

So there has been a rearscene of "stagging." The "stag" is the speculator who subscribes for new issues, not with the intention of keeping them, but in the hope that they may immediately go to a "premium," that is, may be quoted above their issue price.

The subscription price for new issues is usually payable by easy instalments. The "stag" therefore, does not have to put up the whole issue price but merely the sums payable on application and allotment. These may amount to a mere 10 or 15 per cent. on the amount of stock secured, so that even if he can sell at a premium of only 1 or 2 per cent. he obtains a substantial rate of profit for the short time he is out of his money.

WHEN THE "STAG" STUMBLES.

But the uninitiated "stag" and sometimes even the expert if he is unwary, is apt to stumble. A run of new issue successes may be broken by a failure, and the "stag" may be landed with shares which, instead of being in keen demand, are a glut in the market. Such a case arose during the last few days. The ordinary shares of an important brewery amalgamation were offered, but the investor did not "bite." Only a small proportion of the 1,500,000 shares was taken up by genuine investors. This meant that the issue went to the "stags" and the underwriters.

CHILD LABOURERS.

NOT REALLY VERY MANY.

In view of the interest aroused lately in the employment of young children, a special table has been devoted in the report on the 1921 census of the Colony just issued to the occupations of children under 14 (English reckoning).

"It will be seen" says the report that except in domestic work, very few under 12 are employed. Children employed carrying building material are included under Orders XXII and XXIII, which also include such occupations as painting, paint-scrapping, scaffolding-erecting, stone breaking and other miscellaneous light work. The large number of girls classified under "Manufacture of Clothing" is accounted for by the great tendency displayed to record females who had no other occupation than helping in the home as engaged in needlework. It is unlikely that more than half the young girls so recorded actually earn wages by needlework. Few male apprentices under 12 are recorded, the age when apprenticeship generally begins being 13 to 16. The chief manufactures in which child labour can be usefully employed are those of cigarettes and hosiery, recent introductions on the factory scale. At present factories properly so called are very rare, and most of the child labour engaged in manufacture is employed in small shops or at home. The large number of boys employed in domestic duties, i.e., in private houses, or as cooks in shops, is noteworthy, contrasted with the small number of free girls so employed. Considering the absence of any legal restraint on the employment of child labour, the numbers of children actually employed in other than domestic work in proportion to the total number of children in the Colony appear very small; under 12 the number employed is 6,677 of whom 5,100 are employed in domestic duties mostly as "muitais."

A sum of 8s. had been paid on application and allotment and rather than be saddled with the liability to pay the remaining 12s. per share, one holder, at the opening of the market, actually offered the shares at 8s. discount, that is, 8s. below the 16s. he had paid for them. This is the Stock Exchange method of quoting "nothing" for a partly-paid share. It meant that the seller was ready to give the shares away to anyone who would relieve him of the responsibility. To the investing and speculating public this incident has its lesson. Do not subscribe for stocks and shares that you cannot pay for in full.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 19d. 12h. 05m.—Pressure has increased slightly at Shanghai and Hongkong and decreased at Gully over the Philippine s.

The depression in the S. China Sea has probably moved westward. Another has formed over the Southern Philippines.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China, and moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total, since January 1st, 97.33 inches, against an average of 84.84 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 20

—Hongkong and Kowloon. N.E. winds, strong.

2. —Macao Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3. —South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 2.

4. —South coast of China between Lamook and Hainan. The same as No. 2.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 19, 1921.—a.m.

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Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Wind.			
			Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	
					Force.	Weather.
Victoria Peak	6 a.					
Victoria Peak	7 a.	30.56	39 73		W	1
Victoria Peak	8 a.	31.32	44 100		N	4
Victoria Peak	9 a.	30.51	51 91		N	3
Victoria Peak	10 a.	30.05	60 91		NE	2
Victoria Peak	11 a.		68 83		NE	2
Victoria Peak	12 m.	30.07	73 86		NE	4
Victoria Peak	1 p.	29.60	81 86		NE	4
Victoria Peak	2 p.	29.85	84 84		NE	4
Victoria Peak	3 p.	29.84	73 84		NE	4
Victoria Peak	4 p.	30.01	68 84		NE	7
Victoria Peak	5 p.	30.00	64 84		N	2
Victoria Peak	6 p.	29.98	61 84		NE	2
Victoria Peak	7 a.	29.98	61 84		NE	2
Victoria Peak	8 a.					
Victoria Peak	9 a.	29.87	70 98			0
Victoria Peak	10 a.	29.80	68 91		NE	1
Victoria Peak	11 a.	29.74	70 94			0
Victoria Peak	12 m.	29.73	75 98		NNE	2
Victoria Peak	1 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	2 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	3 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	4 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	5 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	6 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	7 p.	29.80	71 98			0
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Victoria Peak	2 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	3 p.	29.80	71 98			0
Victoria Peak	4 p.	29.80	71 98			0
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O. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 19, 1921.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, in blue sky, or drizzle, cloud, drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, overcast, passing showers, equal, rain, a snow thunder, visibility, low, wet.
7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 7 a.m.	On date at 8 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	30.00	29.99
Temperature	67	64	64
Humidity	89	82	85
Direction of Wind	W	E	E
Force	3	2	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.0	0.00	0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 19th, 63.

Lowest open air temperature on the 19th, 53.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 19, 1921.

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Bowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m.

The Ball is hoisted half past the 10th minute of the hour and falls at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time it will be lowered at 5 minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

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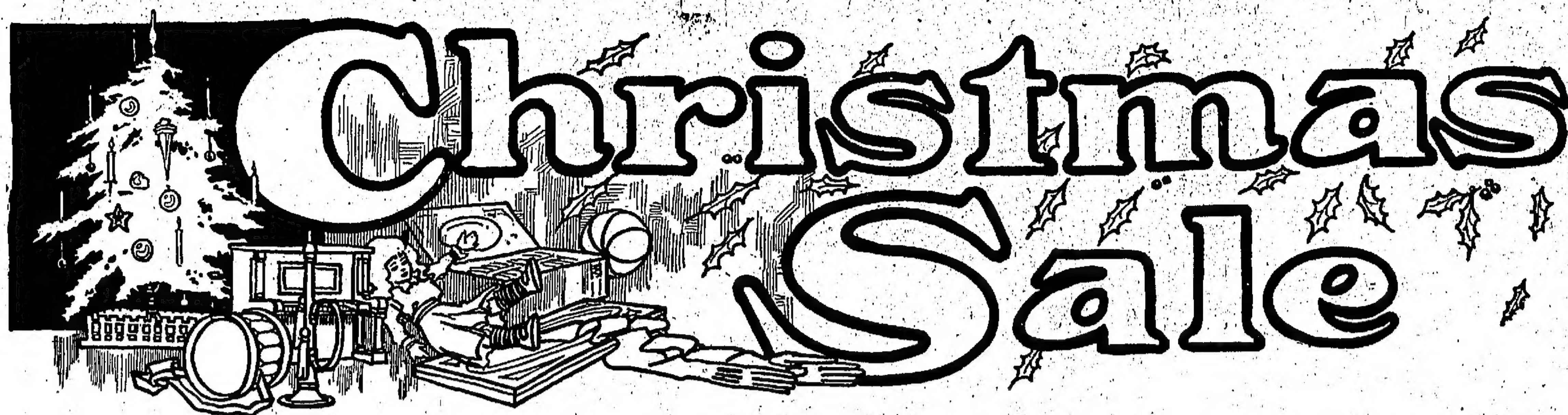
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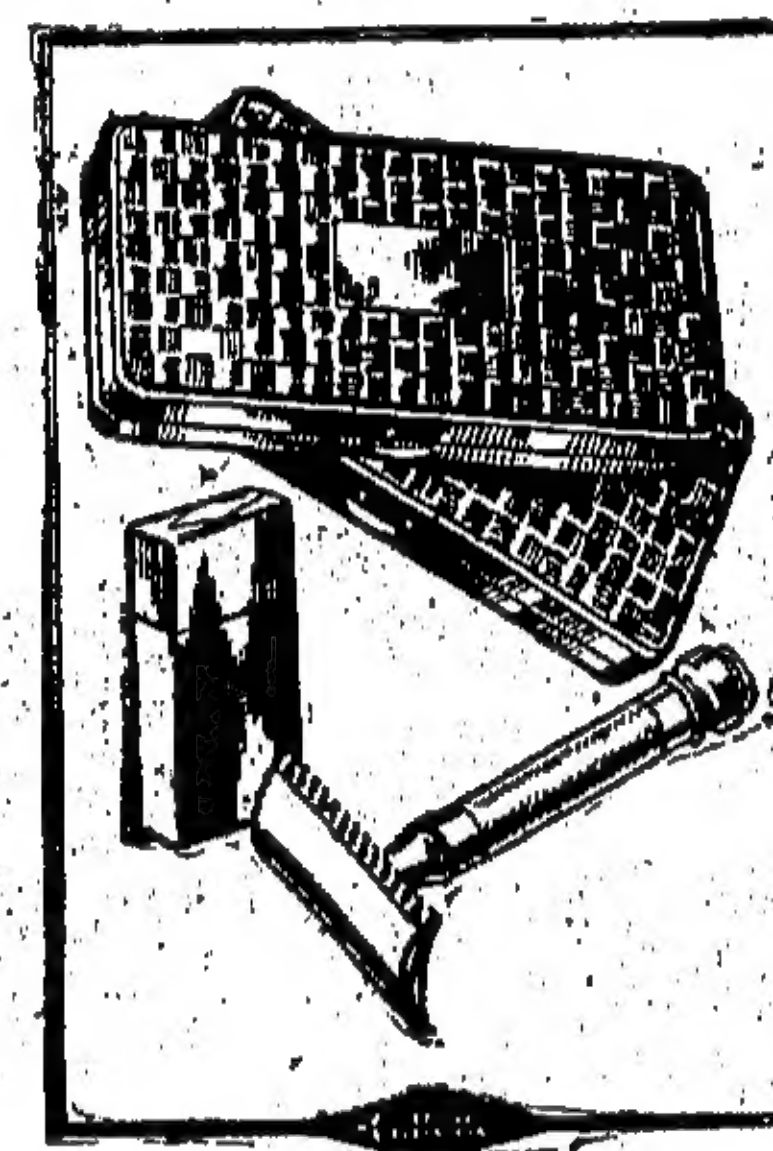
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## INWARD MAILS.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.**  
 From Shanghai. Vellore  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.**  
 From Australia and Manila. Aradura  
 From Shanghai. Yingshow  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.**  
 From Shanghai. Shansi  
 From Straits. Sado Maru  
 From Japan and Shanghai. Yokohama Maru  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23.**  
 From Straits. Nagpore

## OUTWARD MAILS.

**For** **Per** **Time**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19.**  
 Japan. Shokoku Maru No. 2. 4 p.m.  
 Samsui and Wuchow. Kwong Hung. 4 p.m.  
 Saigon. Lake Onawa. 5 p.m.  
 Fort Bayard. Wah Hong. 5 p.m.  
 Hoibow. Amberg. 5 p.m.  
 Haiphong. Lake Gitanu. 5 p.m.  
 Straits and Bangkok. Paludina. 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.**  
 Haibow and Haiphong. Haitan. 9 a.m.  
 Java and Port Moresby via Batavia. Charbon Maru. 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand, via Thursday Island. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
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 Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSHALLS. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.**  
 Dairen, Japan and VICTORIA, B.C. via Alaska. 9 a.m.  
 Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSHALLS. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.**  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.**  
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 Swatow, Bangkok and Bangkok. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.  
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\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Koma Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 17 and sailed Dec. 19 for Honolulu and San Francisco.  
 The "Ellerman" Line s.s. "City of Boston" from Hamburg and Rotterdam Dec. 19 being due at Hongkong Dec. 22. The "Agamemnon" (Blue Funnel Line) left Shanghai on Dec. 17 for Omoa and Liverpool via Hongkong. The vessel is due here on Dec. 30 and will sail as above on Dec. 31 at 4 p.m.  
 The R. & A. s.s. "Africa" left Manila for this port on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. with the outward Australian Mail and is due here on Dec. 31 at about daylight.  
 The "D.H. Line" s.s. "Denise" left Middleham, Antwerp and London for Singapore for this port on Dec. 19 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Dec. 27.

The C.P.S. R.V.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 16 left there Dec. 17 (Noon) and is due at Vancouver B.C. on Dec. 30.  
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**RESULTS**  
 The results were:  
 100 Yards Senior Championship—(Far Eastern Olympiad Record) 10 secs.—1. Chan Chun Sang; 2. G. Chubb; 3. Mok Tai Cheuk.

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**CONSIGNERS' NOTICES**  
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 A COMPETITOR INJURED.  
 The Y.M.C.A. held their fourteenth annual athletic sports meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. It was a huge success although marred by an accident during the low hurdle race, in which Yeung Ping Kwai who was a good third, tripped and fell heavily at the second last hurdle and sustained two simple fractures of the right forearm. Dr. Woo, president of the Association rendered first aid and then the injured youngster was removed to the hospital by Boy Scouts.  
 There were many spectators present. Competition was keen, some fast running events with close and exciting finishes were witnessed. Some of the times recorded compared very favourably with those registered at the Far Eastern Olympiad. The most interesting event was the 100 yards senior championship. Chan Chun Sang won this event in excellent style being one fifth of a second more than the time recorded at the last Olympiad. Ha Kwok Lum and Li In Chak with 10 points each, tied for the Association championship. A deciding 100 yard race was run off and Ha won easily. The one mile race open to the Colony attracted many non-Chinese entrants. It was a good race, and as anticipated, B. A. Hyder was the winner.  
 At the conclusion, Miss Woo, the president's daughter distributed the trophies to the successful competitors.

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